



Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Honu Guardian

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Organization: Honu Guardian Program

Location: Laniakea Beach, Oahu, Haleiwa

Mission: To enhance public appreciation of the recovering Hawaiian green sea turtle through respectful viewing that imparts the “Spirit of Aloha” to both turtles and people.

Summary of Position: The Honu Guardian volunteer primarily educates visitors about the threatened Hawaiian green sea turtle and the importance of responsible wildlife viewing.

Commitment required: Three hours per week or flexible

Duties:

- 1) Set-up or take-down signs and outreach sandwich boards at Laniakea.
- 2) Watch shoreline and beach area for human/turtle interactions; approach and gently remind those not following proper wildlife viewing guidelines.
- 3) Place red rope barrier at least 6 feet around basking turtles to mitigate human/turtle interactions on the beach.
- 4) Offer information about the Hawaiian green sea turtle and responsible wildlife viewing to beach visitors.
- 5) Record turtle basking information on data sheet.

Desirable Skills:

- 1) Interest and desire to protect sea turtles and/or increase awareness of environmental conservation.
- 2) Experience dealing with diverse groups of people.
- 3) Ability to volunteer dependably and independently outside, rain or shine.

Training Requirements: Attend on-site training session, shadow trained volunteer, become familiar with basic turtle facts.

Benefits: Make a significant difference in enhancing public appreciation and awareness of the recovering Hawaiian green sea turtles at Laniakea Beach.

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